(d) if so, whether the Govt. has received any request for additional staff from the Bangalore Passport Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. As of now, the Passport Office, Bangalore is short of one officer and 17 (seventeen) group 'C' staff.

(b) There is an overall shortage of staff and Officers in the Central Passport Organisation. However, action has been taken to transfer 9 (nine) group 'C' staff to the Bangalore office from other offices and the additional staff would be joining there shortly.

(c) With the additional staff, the Passport Officer would endeavour to open more customer counters.

(d) Yes, Sir. Based on the request received from PO Bangalore, some additional staff has been provided.

Efforts to keep Junta States out of NAM

4165. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL;

SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's proposal to keep Junta States out of NAM, placed before the 12th meeting of Foreign Ministers of the 115 nations, Non-Allgned Movement Conference on the 9th April, 2000 at Cartagena in Colombia, was unanimously accepted;

(b) whether the Common Wealth and Organisation of African Unity (OAU) had already decided that no ruler, who has usurped power will be allowed into its Summits; and

(c) if so, what are the other 231 point agenda/delcaration formalised by the above mentioned conference which would be further taken up at the next year's NAM Summit to be held in Dhaka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTFRNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) During the XIIth NAM Ministerial Conference in Cartagena on 8-9 April, 2000, India had strongly argued for removal from the membership of NAM those countries where rulers have usurped power and taken on the reigns of government through unconstitutional means. In his speech at the Conference, the External Affairs Minister had stated that the OAU and the Commonwealth had both "decided

that no ruler who has usurped power will be allowed into its Summits..... It is time that the Movement also committed itself as uncompromisingly to rules of democracy, the rule of law and the preservation of fundamental rights and liberty."

As a result of India's efforts, the Final Document of the XIIth NAM Ministerial meeting contains a paragraph which welcomes the decision of the OAU calling for restoration, before the next OAU Summit, of constitutional legality in states whose governments had come to power through unconstitutional means and also recommends that this issue may be considered by NAM at its next Summit.

The 1991 Harare Declaration established principles of fundamental political values of the Commonwealth, including good governance, democracy and human rights. The Commonwealth Summit held at Auckland in 1995 saw the further establishment. In the Commonwealth Millbrook Action Programme, of a set of measures to be taken by the Commonwealth in response to violations of the Harare Principles by a member-country.

During the 35th OAU Summit held in Algiers in July 1999, a resolution was adopted stating that "member states whose governments came to power through unconstitutional means after the Harare Summit, should restore Constitutional legality before the next Summit."

The NAM Ministerial meeting in Cartagena has issued a Final Document comprising 282 paragraphs in 69 pages. The document addresses in adequate detail global and regional issues of interest to NAM and also economic issues facing the Movement in a world of increasing globalisation and inter-dependence. Social issues and problems of development which apply to almost all the NAM countries are also addressed by this Document. A preparatory meeting of the NAM will be held before the next NAM will be held before the next NAM Summit in Dhaka.

Musharraf's Exhort to Start Anti-India Activities by ISI

†4166. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Musharraf ne ISI ko Bharat ke khilaph jordar abhiyaan chhedne ko kahaa" published in Dainik Jagran dated 27th March, 2000 ;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.